MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): It is stated in the answer,—

"The required statistics are not available."

Do not the Government think that, in order to understand the present capacity of our forests to produce wealth, it is necessary that they should proceed in the manner contemplated by the two questions?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): Yes; that is why working plans are being prepared.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Are the Government aware that, in the Madras Presidency, the Conservator of Forests has prepared such figures as have been called for in the question?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): Government are not aware.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Do the Government think that this is really necessary to proceed to tap the resources of the forests in the right manner?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): Yes; that is why they are preparing working plans and working schemes.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Do the Government propose to make these statistics available to this House?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): Yes; when the statistics are prepared and are ready.

*Disafforestation in Tovala Taluk.*

19. MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that there are large and numerous swampy tracts in the forest areas in the Tovala taluk for cultivation?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was any Disafforestation Committee appointed for the Tovala taluk as was done in nine other taluks of the State? If not, do the Government propose to do it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. The Government will enquire into the need for the appointment of a committee for the taluk.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. Will the Government be pleased to take it from me that there are really large tracts, fit for cultivation, for the registry of which the poor ryots of those places have submitted applications to Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government note the information.

*Travancore Debenture Bonds.*

20. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state what the present value of the Travancore Debenture Bond is?

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